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## OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express support for Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

Despite rhetoric from our government and billions of dollars spent to improve interoperability, our nation's first responders continue to rely upon antiquated technology, expensive equipment and stove-piped systems throughout the country that cannot communicate with each other. Our nation has a unique opportunity to use a contiguous, 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band to provide public safety an advanced, nationwide communications network that would be controlled by public safety and harness the economic benefits of a shared public/private partnership with commercial wireless operators. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision makers in Washington, D.C. to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by approving Cyren Call's proposal and creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond Orozco".

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